

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mrs. James Edwards and children and Miss Dorothy Springer spent a few days last week in Clare.

Wm. Leonard and family has moved from the Veeder farm to Alma.

Mrs. Pat Whitcraft is entertaining her mother this week.

Earl Cox made a business trip to Ithaca Saturday.

Mrs. Vancore and daughter were Mt. Pleasant visitors one day last week.

Dell Wright, who has been on the sick list is better at this writing.

Willie O'Brien of Forest Hill spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Clarence Ferris.

Pat Whitcraft and John Shong made a business trip to Forest Hill Monday.

Monthly report of school district No. 4, frac., Pine River township. Number of pupils enrolled, 30; number of days absent, 78; number of days taught, 20; average daily attendance, 26; pupils neither tardy nor absent during the month were: Ruth Lentz, Dorothy Fookes, Merle Leland, Alvin Pollet, Loretta Barry, Myrtle Adams, Eulla Lentz, Erwin Webb, Opal Crum.

MARION BARTLEY,
Teacher.

VOYAGE

Elen Potter, president of the village and father of Howard Potter, commissioner of schools, died suddenly Monday morning. The funeral will be held Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Potter was chairman of the board of supervisors at the time the new court house was built and has been active in county politics a good many years.

James E. Allen, who deserted his wife at Alma about four months ago, was found recently living with another woman in Owosso. He is now in jail at Ithaca awaiting trial for wife desertion.

Divorces have been granted to the following: Evelyn Abbott vs. Ralph Abbott, Lily Maud Bobier vs. Richard Bobier, Charles Faunce vs. Ada May Faunce, Berna Trombley vs. George O. Trombley, Maude Pall vs. Ben Pall, Nellie Sharp vs. Fay J. Sharp, Arthur Russell vs. Lily May Russell.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Mt. Pleasant are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. Barkley.

Lee Loomis and Carl Dickerson were in Saginaw on business Saturday.

Iva Dickerson who attends school in Shepherd spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

A. Ingraham visited relatives in Ionia from Thursday until Saturday noon.

Mrs. John Hagerman has been very sick for the past two weeks. Dr. Highfield of Riverdale is attending her.

Mrs. M. Wager, who has been staying at J. Dexter's returned to her home at Marion.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Alma, Mich., Dec. 3, 1917.
Advertised list for week ending Dec. 3, 1917:

Mr. Victor E. Duncan.
Mr. Guy M. Ferris.
Miss Pearl Hall.
Mrs. Kathern Horton.
Miss Hollen Hoyt.
Mrs. C. Holladay.
Mr. E. H. Jordan.
Mr. Oscar Loewenstein.
Mrs. Will Marsh.
Lorenz Moffett.
Mr. Will F. Peters.
Mr. S. F. Shumway.
Mr. Ralph Vliet.
Mrs. William Wysel.
Elmer White.
Mr. Alva Wiser.

The above if not called for will be sent to the dead letter office December 15th, 1917.

V. P. CASH,
Postmaster.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The annual men's oratorical contest to select the contestant to represent Alma at the state contest held in March will be held on December 19. The prospects are not very bright for a strong man this year, but some freshmen, we hope, will come to the front and uphold the reputation of the college. The reason for this poor outlook is that there is no one to push the work and urge men to get out, and the writer would like to suggest that if those in charge do not consider oratory worthy of a coach that it be dropped from college activities.

S. W.

GRATIOT FARM DIRECTORY.

Copies of the Farm Journal Illustrated Directory of Gratiot county have come to the desk of the editor of The Record. It contains a list of Gratiot's farmers, tells where they are located and what their holdings are, and gives a wealth of other valuable information. It also contains a large copyrighted map of the county, which would be valuable to anyone. It is published by the Wilmer Atkinson company of Philadelphia.

ADAMS-EMELYN LATIMER.

In memory of our dear daughter and sister, who passed away Dec. 13, 1909:

We mourn for you, dear Evelyn, Though not with outward show;
For the heart that mourns sincerely Mourns solemnly and slow.

YOUR LOVING FATHER,
MOTHER AND SISTER.

Idlehour, Christmas day.—Adv.
Wm. S. Hart, in "The Disciple,"

A STAR IN THE EAST



LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELP IT TO SHINE

A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

The War Council of the American Red Cross has conceived that a great national purpose will be served by having membership in the Red Cross almost as universal as citizenship.

Although pledged as a nation to the national purpose during this great crisis, it will not be granted to a large percentage of us to play a part in the fighting branches of our country's service.

All of us, however, can be identified with the Red Cross, which in these times when whole nations are organized for war fare, is big enough and strong enough to carry some of the burden for our soldiers, our sailors, and our Allies.

We want a Red Cross of three quarters of a million members in Michigan. We want the strength and support that will grow from this army of members.

Christmas time has been set to attain this goal, because the Red Cross and Christmas spring from the same spirit, and these two great symbols of mercy, sacrifice and cheer may well be united. On this, our first Christmas in the war, the Red Cross symbol will add, not a spirit of dejection, but the thought of serious purpose and sacrifice which through accomplishment it represents.

It is hoped that from this Christmas campaign of 1917 will grow a permanent custom which will increase the significance both of Christmas and the Red Cross.

A PROGRAM FOR THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN IN MICHIGAN

Program For Christmas Membership Campaign

The following program is being adopted in substance by many Michigan Chapters.

Monday, December 17.—Opening of Campaign.

Tuesday, December 18.—Fraternal Day. Participation by fraternal bodies Raising of Red Cross Flag, to be displayed throughout the campaign.

Wednesday, December 19.—Women's Day, on which special tribute will be paid to the work which women are doing in the Red Cross. Meetings of local women's organizations. Special exercises.

Thursday, December 20.—School Day, on which teachers in the schools will speak on the significance of the Red Cross and upon the significance of the Christmas ceremony.

Friday, December 21.—Employees' Day, on which special recognition will be paid to the support which the laboring man is giving to the Red Cross. Factory speeches, etc.

Saturday, December 22.—Boy Scouts' Day, on which Boy Scouts will be organized for canvass for membership.

Sunday, December 23.—Church Day, on which Christmas sermons on the Red Cross will be preached in the churches.

Monday, December 24.—Red Cross Christmas Ceremony Day. At 7:30 on Christmas Eve, candles will be placed behind Red Cross Service Flags in every home. Workers will sing carols in the streets and church bells will chime.

"Three quarters of a Million for Michigan."

FIRST "WAR CHRISTMAS"

It is our first Christmas in the War.

Millions of our boys are away from their homes, in camps, on the sea, and in the trenches. Let your Red Cross banner wave from your home.

Christmas green to show that you and yours are enlisted in its service.

Light the Red Cross Christmas candle and let its rays light up the folds of the emblem of mercy; and this:

Bind in inseparable union the Christmas spirit of service and the Red Cross mission of humanity.

The Red Cross has 3,000,000 Members.
It needs 15,000,000 Members.
That means 10,000,000 new Members.

Your dollar will help end the war. Join the Red Cross.

Your dollar will help put our soldiers "over the top."

Make this a Merry Red Cross Christmas.

The Largest Painting.

The largest painting, exclusive of frescoes and panoramas, is Tintoretto's "Paradise." It is hung in the grand salon of the doge's palace at Venice and is eighty-four feet wide and thirty-four feet high.

A Full Hand.

"John," said Mrs. Norton as she seated herself at the hotel breakfast table, "did you call a waiter?"

"Yes," said Norton, looking up from his paper, "I called him, and he had a tray full."

CHRISTMAS EVE CEREMONY

An idea that will undoubtedly prove to be one of the most striking features of the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign is the display from every home and place of business of the Red Cross emblem, indicating by stars or otherwise that one or more members are there enrolled.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 o'clock lighted candles will be placed in the window behind or near the emblem, and the church bells will chime every half hour until nine o'clock.

As an effective means of lending beauty and significance to the ceremony, Red Cross workers will be organized into groups to proceed through each neighborhood singing Christmas carols.

The participation by each town, city or village in Michigan in this Christmas Eve ceremony will be a fitting close to the greatest membership campaign in the history of the Red Cross.

Love Birds.

The little parrots called "love birds" are natives of Africa and are abundant in Madagascar. These birds adapt themselves readily to captivity. They breed readily in confinement, producing two broods in a season.

Too Long a Wait.

"So you're a bill collector, eh?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you believe in a hereafter?"

"I certainly do, but I'm not going to wait until then to collect this bill."

Detroit Free Press.

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We are again making all kinds of candy canes for the Christmas trade. All the popular flavors. Cane please the old and the young.

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A fine line of Ribbon candy for the Christmas trade, one of the finest candies for the Holidays.

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We have many kinds and varieties of fine candies for the Christmas trade, all of which come up to the famous De Luxe standard of excellence. The one place where candies of all kinds may be secured. Quality and low prices predominate with the famous De Luxe line of Christmas candies.

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Hats and Caps

The finest line of good serviceable caps and hats in the city can be found here. Look over this large line.



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Fancy Slippers for all occasions, the home or the party, all at moderate prices. Our ladies' shoe department offers many Xmas bargains for you this year.

High top shoes in colored leathers and fancy cloth tops are the leading features of this great array of footwear. High or low heels. These come in prices to suit every pocket. Look them over.



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